

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota is the home of Elsie Fode, and we are richer because Elsie lives among us; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love, as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Elsie was born July 12, 1916, north of Osmond, Nebraska, to William and Rosa Lindwurm and was raised and attended country school near Carlock, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Elsie married Oscar Fode on May 5, 1935, residing in Burke, South Dakota, and to this union they were blessed with 3 children, 10 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and 17 great-great-grandchildren; and,

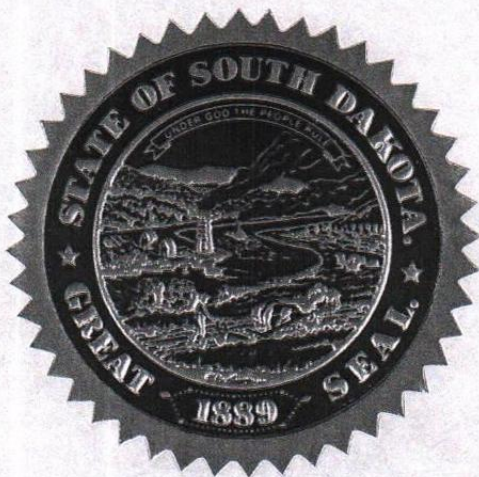
Whereas, Elsie resides in Gregory, South Dakota, and will observe her 100th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her family and friends gather on July 9, 2016, to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 12, 2016, as

ELSIE FODE DAY

in South Dakota, and I join all her many family and friends in wishing her a happy birthday.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifteenth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.



Dennis Daugaard
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs
Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State